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Sent: 2/20/2014 12:15:19 AM
To: Fondahl, Lauren [Fondahl.Lauren@epa.gov]
CC: Hill, Harriet [HHill@co.humboldt.ca.us]
Subject: RE: Eureka Annual Report

Thanks Lauren-

I'll check with the County and get back to you as soon as I find out what's going on with the former compost facility in Arcata! I was hoping it could have been a viable option for Eureka bio-solids!

Bruce-

From: Fondahl, Lauren [mailto:Fondahl.Lauren@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, February 19, 2014 3:42 PM
To: Bruce Gehrke
Subject: RE: Eureka Annual Report

Hi Bruce,

This is to confirm that EPA received the City of Eureka's 2013 biosolids report.

I hadn't heard that Hank Brenard's compost facility had closed. Based on the small amount of biosolids, I don't think further testing is necessary. Do you know if there is a plan for moving the feed stocks from the closed compost operation?

Thanks,

Lauren

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To: Fondahl, Lauren
Subject: Eureka Annual Report

Hello Lauren-

Please see attached biosolids report from the city of Eureka for calendar year 2013 along with a letter from the LEA regarding the compost facility we contracted with.

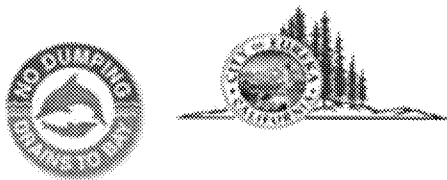
To start with, we didn't *plan* on producing *any* biosolids in 2013. Our only plan was to clean aquatic growth from the surface of the sludge lagoons. An excavator was used for this work but it was unable to remove shrubbery without getting some solids along with the roots, etc. Based on prior experience in pond cleaning this ended being more of an issue than we had planned on. In other words, in years past we were able to remove unwanted growth and not remove any biosolids, just water and greenery. That said, we felt that using 2012 lagoon laboratory data was appropriate considering the consistency of prior lab reports and the ultimate disposition of the material to a composting facility. The fact that the material was half brush and the overall minimal amount produced was the basis for our decision to forgo additional testing on our part. It was also our understanding the compost facility would be providing us lab data. Apparently the compost facility is now closed and has filed for bankruptcy hence no additional data was available. However, if you deem it necessary to provide this information we can certainly simulate prior conditions and harvest a small amount from the lagoons for testing purposes.

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Bruce-

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